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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

VIA : Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Alleged Illegal Domestic Activities (Project ARTICHOKE)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project ARTICHOKE

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In the review of file information contained in SRS materials, one incident which occurred in November 1953 appears worthy of note. Although it was not clear from file information whether or not the incident occurred under the auspices of Project ARTICHOKE, the incident did involve use of LSD in an experimental exercise. One Frank OLSON, a civilian employee of the Department of the Army, committed suicide a week or so after having been administered LSD by an Agency representative. Details concerning this incident apparently will be reported in a separate memorandum, but it appears that the drug was administered to several unwittin subjects by a Dr. GOTTLIEB, at that time a branch chief in TSS (now OTS). A short time after the LSD was administered, the subjects were told that they had been given LSD. On the day following the experiment, OLSON began to behave in a peculiar and erratic manner and was later placed under the care of a psychiatrist. A few days later, OLSON crashed through a window in a New York hotel in an apparent suicide.

A memorandum dated 1 December 1953 from the IG Staff caused the impoundment of all LSD materials. Information contained in the above-mentioned files reflected that the drug had been administered without the prior knowledge or approval of the Office of Security or the Office of Medical Services.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Identity 1

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12. In the review of file information contained in Identity 2 materials, one incident which occurred in November of 1953 appears worthy of note. Although it was not clear from file information whether or not the incident occurred under the auspices at Identity 1, the incident did involve use of LSD in an experimental exercise. Identity 17 committed suicide a week or so after having been administered LSD by an Agency representative. Details concerning this incident apparently will be reported in a separate memorandum, but it appears that the drug was administered to several unwitting subjects by Identity 18. A short time after the LSD was administered, the subjects were told by Identity 18 that they had been given LSD. On the day following the experiment, Identity 17 began to behave in a peculiar and erratic manner, and was later placed under the care of a psychiatrist. A few days later, Identity 17 crashed through a window in a New York hotel in an apparent suicide.

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13. A memorandum dated 1 December 1953 from Identity 19 caused the impoundment of all LSD materials. Information contained in the above mentioned files reflected that the drug had been administered without the prior knowledge or approval of the Office of Security or Identity 5.

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IDENTITY SHEET

Identity 1. Project ARTICHOKE

Identity 2. Security Research Staff, Office of Security

Identity 5. Office of Medical Services (OMS)

Identity 17. Frank OLSON, a Department of Army civilian

Identity 18. Dr. GOTTLIEB, OTS

Identity 19. Inspector General Staff